

Remarks

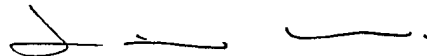
This after final Amendment is submitted subsequent to the telephonic interview the examiner held with the undersigned on April 6, 2005. The undersigned hereby expresses his appreciation for the courtesy extended by the examiner.

As discussed, independent claims 1 and 10 each have been amended to recite that the adhesive is adapted to directly adhere to the nose to close the nose. With this recitation, it is believed that the rejection of claims 1, 3-6, 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, has been overcome. Accordingly, inasmuch as the instant Amendment is believed to place the instant application in condition for allowance, the examiner is respectfully requested to enter this Amendment, re-enter the previously withdrawn claims, except for claim 13, which are dependent from either claims 1 or 10, and pass the case to issue.

The examiner is further hereby requested to cancel previously withdrawn 13, which applicant reserves the right to continue to prosecute in a divisional application, if the examiner finds it expedient to do so in order to pass the case to issue.

In the event that the examiner has questions in regard to this response or believes that additional clarifications are required, she is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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